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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit anokacountyparks.com.

Fat Tire Biking

April 19, 3-5pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 16+. These stable and easy to ride fat tire bikes can be used on a wide variety of surfaces including snow, sand, and trails. This introductory level class is designed to show novice riders how much fun fat tire bikes can be. Some bike riding experience required. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$15/person (+tax)

Earth Day Service Project

April 22, 10am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Give back to the Earth! We will work on Wargo's trails, invasive species, and gardens! Then, stay for the Earth Day Celebration. Call the nature center at 763-324-3550 to sign up.

FREE!

Family Earth Day Celebration

April 22, 1-4pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Discover Wargo's unique offerings, make your own earth art project to keep and explore the trails in the lovely spring weather! It will be a fun-filled family Earth Day celebration complete with a bouncy house and refreshments. Also, be sure to visit our Eco-fair, where local organizations and

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businesses will provide resources and information on how to be a good steward to the earth. Hosted by Wargo Nature Center, Anoka County Libraries, and the City of Lino Lakes. No pre-registration required.

FREE!

Bird Walk Series

- April 26, 9-11am; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes
- April 28, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- May 2, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- May 9, 9-11am; Bunker Hills Regional Park; 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids
- May 11, 9-11am; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes

All Ages. Walk through one of Anoka County's beautiful parks with an experienced birder. Enjoy seeing or hearing 20-60+ species of birds along the way. A checklist of MN birds and a map of each area will be provided. All birding abilities welcome.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

Introduction to Kayaking

April 28, 3-5pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Centerville Lake Beach, Lino Lakes

Ages 16+. Learn the basics of kayaking: basic strokes, boat safety, and which boat is best for you.

COST: \$25/person (+tax)

May Nature Play: Incredible Insects

May 4, 10-11am or 1-2pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 2-5. Insects are super cool! Let's explore and see who we can find through outdoor play and a story! Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$8/child & adult (+tax), \$3 for each additional child

Kids Fishing Clinic

May 6, 9am-12pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 5+. Everyone and their chaperones will receive a hot dog and chip lunch. Children will learn about lure selection, casting, boat and water safety, fishing ethics and more. Children will receive a kit of fishing equipment and accessories. Registration is not required. Check-in closes at 11am.

COST: FREE!

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Wargo Restoration Project Days

May 6, 10am - 12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 12+. Help restore the natural environment here at Wargo Nature Center! We'll tackle different challenges each month, such as removing invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard, cleaning up our woodland wildflower gardens, or gathering native plant seeds – depending on needs and group size each month. Meet outside the building before heading out to work on the morning's project. Pre-registration required.

FREE!

Birding by Boat

May 12, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

All Ages. We will access areas most other birders can't get to and see a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and upland bird species. No experience in boats, or birding is required. All equipment is included, and binoculars are available for use. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$10/adult (+tax), kids 17 and under are free

Lunch with a Naturalist: Fish of Minnesota

May 17, 11:30am - 1pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

All Ages. Do you ever wonder what lives below the surface of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes? Bring your lunch and come learn a bit more about Minnesota's piscine wonders! These monthly presentations will include local natural or cultural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. Any equipment that may be used will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE!